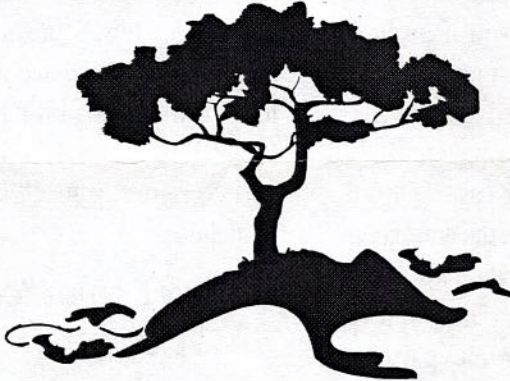


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# the Surf Pines Breeze



## Water, Water Everywhere... But No Flooding!

Dare we tempt fate by mentioning the efficiency of the flood control pumps? We dare! The pumps in both the north (Horizon Lane) and center stations have been running from time to time when water in the wetland was seen to be almost level with the surface of the ground. Pumping has effectively lowered the water level by about two and a half inches in an hour. Rainfall this season appears to be close to average in contrast to last year. It is safe to say that without the pump at Horizon Lane there would certainly have been several

inches of water in the road. A quick check of the weather station shows the following statistics: in January we had 10.71 inches in Surf Pines; the five-year average is 8.61 for the month. In February, by contrast, only 4.16 inches fell against a five-year average of 5.69 inches. Midway through March 2.91 inches had fallen, slightly above the four-year average of 5.42 inches for the entire month. Surf Pines Weather is available online through the Surf Pines Web Site. With updates every five minutes, it is a quick way to see what is going on.

(see picture, page 4)

## Please Don't Pick The Daffodils

On March 21 a woman was observed picking daffodils along Surf Pines Lane. It turned out that she is a Surf Pines resident who, when asked to refrain from picking them by our security guard, told him that "she paid her taxes and would continue to pick the flowers."

The daffodils of course are not there by accident. Residents planted them in past years as a beautification project to be enjoyed by all who enter and leave Surf Pines on Surf Pines Road.



# Association News

## *When Something Goes Amiss...*

As we ride out the last few storms of the winter season, many homeowners have been reminded that, whether through natural or human agents, our property can suffer damage. Homes that are occupied only part-time are particularly vulnerable.

Lynn Meyrick, our security man, makes regular rounds to check on conditions in Surf Pines, but he cannot possibly investigate the condition of every home every day. On some occasions he has found something amiss but has had difficulty contacting the owners.

To enhance security and make reporting problems easier, the board is asking each homeowner to supply contact information so that Lynn will know how to reach you if he finds storm damage or perhaps vandalism or forced entry to your home. The information will be kept on file in case of need. Please complete the emergency contact information form enclosed with the billing and return it with your dues payment.

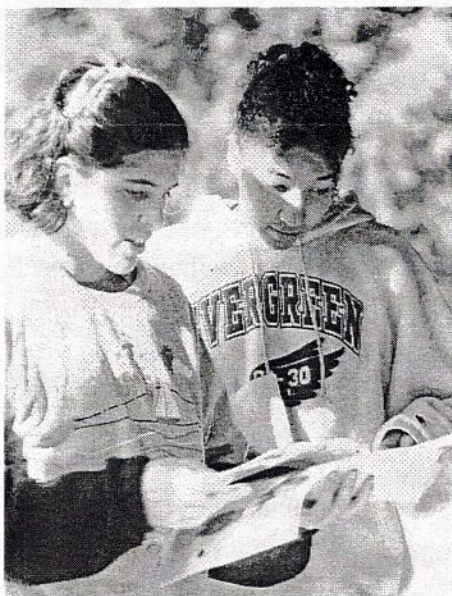
## *Brush Burning*

In view of the rainfall statistics cited above, no one may be interested much about burning brush in the rain, though there is plenty of tree debris from the storms. Soon, however, brighter,

drier weather will be with us and with it will come the greatly increased danger of out-of-control fires, always a concern in Surf Pines, and the need for burning permits. Your *Owner's Information Guide* has advice for brush burning on p.8. Before lighting an outdoor fire, be sure to refresh yourself on the guidelines.

## *Budget Committee Volunteers?*

In April, the budget committee will start preparing the 2002-3 fiscal year budget. The board is looking for a volunteer or two to serve on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Treasurer Tom Smith at 738-8303 by April 10.



*Two young women carefully consider their options before casting their votes*

## Annual Meeting Reminder

Did you mark your 2002 calendars for the association annual meeting on August 3? No doubt it's not your most pressing engagement in this calendar year, so without planning ahead to attend and reserving the date you're likely to forget about it. So make a note to come to the Astoria Golf and Country Club at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 3.

While thinking about the annual meeting, you might consider running for a spot on the board. At last year's meeting, members changed the number of board directors from seven to five. This year, therefore, there is only one vacancy to fill. If you would be interested in helping to guide Surf Pines affairs, please let president Ralph Todd know. The nominating committee will be appointed in June.



## Surf Pines Community Park

Thank you to the 124 neighbors who responded to the questionnaire included with the January billing. The encouraging response showed that we are interested in developing a park by a ratio of 2 to 1.

A small core of neighbors has accomplished some clearing of brush, seeding of a flat area, installation of a split rail fence and general cleanup. They have donated their time and funds to give the community an idea of the scope of a park. It will be as simple and functional as you desire and be a pleasant spot for us to gather. Your responses to the questionnaire indicate the desire to have picnic tables, a seasonal portapotty, barbecue facilities, a horseshoe pit, a basketball hoop, a volleyball/badminton net, and some playground equipment, such as swings. Who does not like to swing, be one child or adult?

Development of a park will be dependent upon your vision of what we need. Several residents have donated their expertise as to what can be reasonably included, at a nominal expenditure of time and funds, without sacrificing durability of anything we place in the park. The Fort Clatsop District Scouts may take on the landscaping and cleanup of the park, with one of the scouts, an area resident, planning the development of the park as a step towards his Eagle Scout rank.

Funds and time have been contributed, for which we thank you. However, more is needed. Have you any ideas for fundraisers, such as memorial donations to place a picnic table in the park, a rummage sale, etc.? Can you spare a few hours to help build and install equipment? Let us know!

You can make a tax deductible gift through the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Foundation, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, OR 97138, with a notation that the contribution be directed to the Surf Pines Park Project.

Drop by and watch the development of our community park on the corner of Ocean Drive and Horizon and join in on the fun.

*by Marilou Sayer for the  
Park Committee*

We note that the fence is installed to protect the grassed area, which is being developed for ball games such as soccer and baseball. Much work has gone into leveling, seeding, providing water, and nurturing the grass. If you are driving by and want to look, please park below just off the road surface.

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## Gate Operation Changes Update

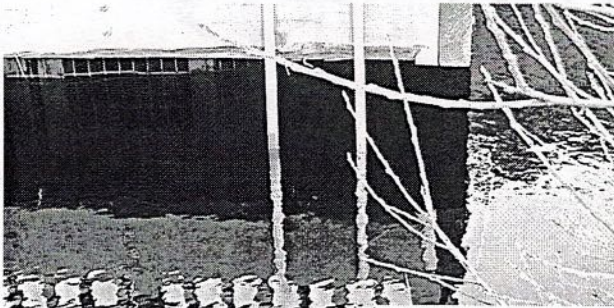
After reviewing responses to the proposed gate operation changes, the security committee rethought its strategy and amended the plan. Instead of removing individual gate codes from the computer and using only coded transmitters,

all individual codes will be changed to five digits, so that the old codes cannot be used by unauthorized individuals. Current transmitters will be retained but reprogrammed. Five-digit personal codes will be given to businesses that currently have

codes. They will be changed on a regular schedule to avoid misuse. Monthly codes for casual visitors will continue. The new five-digit codes should become operative in June and transmitters will be reprogrammed in the fall.



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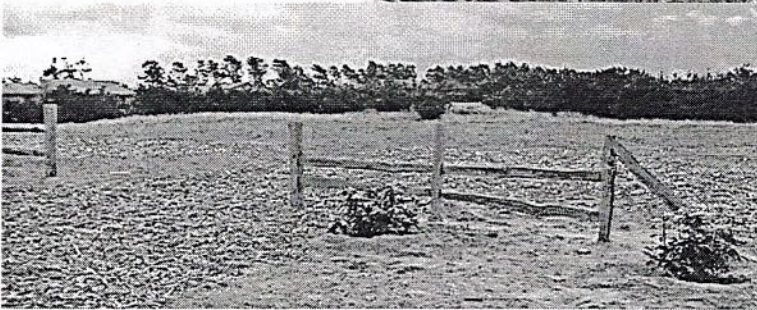
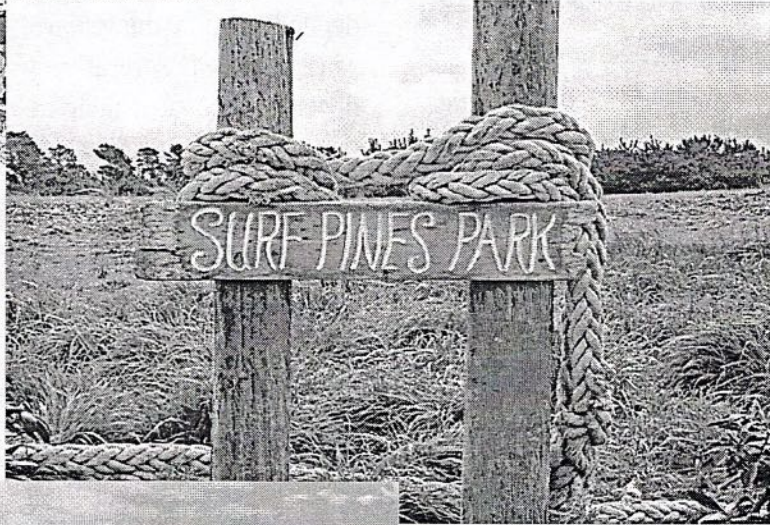


Two Surf Pines projects in good shape, a forward look for our community: the flood control system in action (left) and the long-awaited park in process (below).

Photos: Burr Allegaert

April 11, 11 am

**COME ONE,  
COME ALL!**



**Walk the park.**

**See what is planned.**

**Express your opinion.**

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